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Title of Invention

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6.     Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

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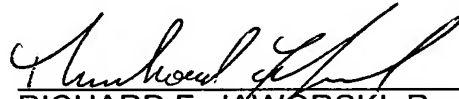
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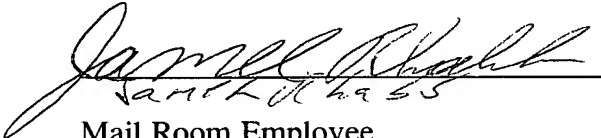
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